## U.S. Northern Command Observes 2nd Anniversary

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Gen. Ralph ?Ed? Eberhart, commander of U.S. Northern Command, Master Gunnery Sgt. Scott Simpson and A1C Robyn Rushing cut the ceremonial cake during the USNORTHCOM?s second anniversary celebration Sept. 30. General Eberhart told his staff they should be proud of the command?s accomplishments over the past two years and reminded them when it comes to the Global War on Terrorism that the future is more important than the past. Following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorists attacks, U.S. leadership created USNORTHCOM to defend the homeland, its territories and interests and to coordinate all Department of Defense civil support during a presidential declared emergency or disaster. USNORTHCOM officially stood up Oct. 1, 2002.



Gen. Ralph ?Ed? Eberhart, commander of U.S. Northern Command, center, Master Gunnery Sgt. Scott Simpson and A1C Robyn Rushing cut the ceremonial cake during the USNORTHCOM?s second anniversary celebration Sept. 30. Photo credit: TSgt. Lawrence Holmes